

the NORTON REPORT



A DIRECTORY OF BRIZE NORTON CRICKET CLUB
PLAYERS AND OFFICERS - 1976 SEASON.

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BRIZE NORTON CRICKET CLUB (RE-FORMED 1968)

Colours - Maroon/White.

Ground - Recreation Ground, Station Road, Brize Norton.

Affiliations - Cirencester & District Cricket Association,
Gloucestershire Cricket Association,
National Cricket Association, West
Oxfordshire Sports Advisory Council.

OFFICERS - 1976 SEASON.

President - Mr. J.Walwin.

Vice-Presidents - Messrs. G.Barnett, J.Bolton, J.Bosley,
W.Bushell, F.Faulkner, J.Phipps,
T.Thomson, A.Timms. Mesdames P.Beckley,
K.Timms.

Chairman & Vice-Captain - F.Bellenger.

Vice-Chairman - E.J.Barnard.

Secretary & Captain - P.A.Timms.

Assistant Secretary & Youth Manager - J.H.Eales.

Treasurer - J.G.Timms.

Umpires - E.J.Barnard, C.H.Hornsby.

Committee - The above officers & D.W.J.Bellenger,
V.J.Calcutt, M.J.F.Collett, T.C.Gush,
A.C.Thorne.

'68 - '76 , A BRIEF HISTORY.

A lot of cricket has been played over the years at various locations in Brize Norton. But from the late 1950's , when the previous Club was disbanded, there was a long period of inactivity.

During the Summer of 1968 a meeting was convened and the decision made to go ahead with a limited programme of matches, the current season being already well under way. Upon this trial was based the conclusion that a full campaign in 1969 was a viable proposition. In the Winter the new organisation gathered momentum, raising funds and producing the first official fixture list for the next Summer.

In the early years the going was hard, the team of relatively inexperienced cricketers struggled to achieve four or five wins per season, the overall performance slowly improved and by 1975 the number of victories per season was in double figures.

From a humble beginning the present Brize Norton Cricket Club, and its enthusiastic Youth Section, have now become as well-known in West Oxfordshire and East Gloucestershire as any contemporary village side.

THE NEXT PAGES CONTAIN CRICKET BIOGRAPHIES OF SENIOR
PLAYERS, UMPIRES, AND YOUTH MANAGER, FOR THE 1976
SEASON.

Space does not permit us to document those players of bygone
years who have since retired and/or left the district, and to
all of them we extend our thanks for their services in helping
to build such a successful Club.

CHRISTOPHER ("CHRIS") ACKROYD

b. Leeds, Yorkshire, 21.10.50.

RHB, occasional LBG.

Debut 1976. Bats no.3 or middle order. Only player in the Club who wears spectacles on the field. Close fielder.

HS 25

JOHN FREDERICK ("JOKES") BARNARD

b. Oxford, 29.6.59.

RHB, occasional RM.

Debut 1973. Middle order batsman, close fielder. Captain of the Club's Youth Team 1974 & 1975.

HS 9* (23 for Youth Team)

.BB -- (4-45 for Youth Team)

PETER ERIC ("PETE") BARNARD

b. Chipping Norton, Oxon, 16.7.53.

RHB, occasional WK.

Debut 1969, retired after 1971 season, played Summer Soccer for three seasons. Re-appeared 1975. Cover point or mid-wicket fielder, middle order batsman. One of the Club's two reserve wicket-keepers.

HS 37

DAVID WILLIAM JOHN ("DAVE") BELLENGER

b. Oxford, 27.9.53.

RHB, occasional WK.

Debut 1969. Middle order batsman, deep fielder. One of the Club's two reserve wicket-keepers.

Committee member since 1972.

HS 16

FREDERICK ("FRED") BELLENGER

b. Brize Norton, Oxon, 1.2.41.

RHB, WK, occasional OB.

Played for an earlier Brize Norton Club in the early 1950's when a schoolboy.

Debut for present Club 1968.

Powerful opening batsman and first-choice wicket-keeper.

Topped batting averages 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976. Single-wicket Champion 1972, 1974, 1975. Over 500 runs in season 1976. Vice-Captain 1976.

Club Chairman since 1968.

Most Catches in a season 17

Most stumpings in a season 5.

HS 80

BB 1-23

PHILIP JOSEPH ("JOE") BELLENGER

b. Oxford, 12.9.56.

RHB, occasional LBG.

Debut 1973. Middle order batsman, first slip fielder. Only Brize player to hold more catches in a season than a wicket-keeper, with 15 in 1975.

HS 48*

BB 1-16

VERNON JAMES CALCUTT

b. Witney, Oxon, 22.7.35.

RHB, RM.

Debut 1968. Opening bowler, lower order batsman.

Single-wicket Champion 1971.

Committee member since 1968.

HS 24

BB 8-36

DAVID SALISBURY ("DAVE") CHAPMAN

b. Bristol, Glos, 30.7.41.

LHB, occasional OB.

Debut 1974. Opening batsman, only left-hander currently playing for the Club. Cover-point or mid-wicket fielder.

Shared in Club's 'only stand over 100 (107 for 2nd wicket with A.C.Thorne in 1975)

Single-wicket Champion 1976.

Scored over 500 runs 1976.

HS 74*

MARTIN JOHN FRANCIS ("OLLIE") COLLETT

b. Chipping Norton, Oxon, 4.10.56.

RHB, occasional RM.

Debut 1973. Middle or lower order batsman, fields close to the wicket.

Committee member since 1973.

Gloucestershire GCC member.

HS 12

MICHAEL KENNETH ("MIKE") GREEN

b. Warwick, 27.3.42.

RHB, occasional OB.

Debut 1974. Middle or lower order batsman, fields close to the wicket. Appearances restricted by week-end work commitments.

HS 5

DAVID ("NIPPER") GRIGGS

b. Oxford, 14.7.51.

RHB, occasional RM.

Debut 1971, making only rare appearances for several seasons.

First full season 1976. Aggressive middle order batsman, deep fielder with powerful throw.

HS 27

BB 1-11

TIMOTHY CHARLES ("TIM") GUSH

b. Catherington, Hants, 21.8.53 .

RHB, RM.

Debut 1968. Middle order batsman, change bowler. First player to score over 50 for present Brize Club, achieved in 1969 at age of 15. Born close to Hambledon, the alleged birthplace of the game.

Committee member since 1975.

HS 52

BB 6-14

ROBERT BRIAN ("BOB") SHARPLES

b. Carterton, Oxon, 4.11.39.

RHB, RM.

Debut 1970. Opening bowler, usually round the wicket. Lower order batsman.

Single-wicket Champion 1973, 1974.

Over 50 wickets 1975, 1976.

Topped bowling averages 1976.

HS 41

BB 9-31

TERRY ALAN STEPHENS

b. Carterton, Oxon, 30.7.42.

RHB, RM.

Debut 1968. Opening or first-change bowler, lower order batsman.

Single-wicket Champion 1969.

Topped bowling averages 1972, 1974.

HS 35

BB 6-10

ARTHUR CHRISTOPHER ("CHRIS" or "TRUNKY") THORNE

b. Sedgeberrow, Worcestershire, 9.8.49.

RHB, RM.

Debut for Carterton, Oxon, 1964. Resigned mid-1967.

Debut for Brize 1968.

Debut for Oxford University College Staff 1975. Playing on Saturdays, and for Brize on Sundays and mid-week.

Opening or no. 3 batsman, cover-point fielder. Former opening bowler, now bowls occasionally.

Topped batting averages 1974 (The only occasion that F. Bellenger has not finished top)

Awarded N.C.A. basic Coaching Certificate 1975.

Shared in Club's only stand over 100 (107 for 2nd wicket with D.S.Chapman 1975)

Committee member since 1970.

Worcestershire CCC member.

HS 68*

BB 7-42

JEFFREY GRAHAM ("JEFF") TIMMS

b. Oxford, 8.3.45.

RHB, occasional RM.

Debut 1968. Former opening batsman, now middle order. Fields close to the wicket.

Club Treasurer since 1968.

HS 44

BB 2-13

PHILIP ARTHUR ("PHIL") TIMMS

b. Oxford, 28.3.42.

RHB, RM.

Played for earlier Brize team as a schoolboy in mid-1950's,
Vice-Captain in the Club's last year.

Debut for Shilton, Oxon, 1964. Resigned during 1968 season.

Debut for present Brize Club 1968.

Former opening bowler, now change bowler. Bats middle or
lower order.

Topped bowling averages 1971.

First and only Brize bowler to take a "hat-trick" 1973.

Over 50 wickets 1969, 1971, 1973, 1975.

Club Captain since 1968.

Secretary since 1968.

HS 40

BB 8-15

ERIC JOHN BARNARD

b. Finstock, Oxon, 9.11.29.

Former RHB, WK.

Secretary and occasional umpire to previous Brize Club.

Appointed umpire to present Club 1968.

Appointed Vice-Chairman 1971.

JOHN HENRY EALES

b. Redhill, Surrey, 19.1.40.

Former LHB, OB.

Debut for Shilton, Oxon, 1961, resigned 1968.

Debut for Brize 1969. Vice-Captain 1969-1975.

Former defensive batsman, the Club's leading spin bowler for several seasons. Retired 1975, now serving the Club in Coaching and administration capacities.

Topped bowling averages 1973.

Formed Brize Youth Team and appointed Manager 1974.

Awarded N.C.A. basic Coaching Certificate 1975.

Assistant Club Secretary since 1968.

Hon. Treasurer of Cirencester & District Cricket Association since 1973.

Surrey CCC Member.

CHARLES HENRY ("CHARLIE") HORNSBY

b. Sutton Bassett, Leicestershire, 31.12.09.

Former LHB, OB.

Former player for Paxford, Glos, and earlier Brize Club.

Appointed umpire to present Club 1972.

Committee member since 1972.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS USED IN BIOGRAPHIES.

b	-	Born.
BB	-	Best bowling performance.
CCC	-	County Cricket Club.
HS	-	Highest score.
LBG	-	Leg-break bowler.
LHB	-	Left-handed batsman.
N.C.A.	-	National Cricket Association.
OB	-	Off-break bowler.
RHB	-	Right-handed batsman.
RM	-	Right arm medium pace bowler.
WK	-	Wicket-keeper.
*	-	Not out.

YOUTH SECTION - 1976 SEASON.

OFFICERS.

Chairman - F.Bellenger.

Manager & Coach - J.H.Eales.

Captains' Committee - K.Bellenger, S.Carpenter,
C.Clarke, S.Hornsby.

PLAYERS.

Paul Bassett

Kevin Bellenger

Nigel Bellenger

Christopher Brown

David Brown

Lee Calcutt

Richard Carpenter

Stephen Carpenter

Colin Clarke

Richard Clarke

Derek Clifford

Graham Collett

Paul Collett

Philip Coombs

Michael De'Ath

Martin Giles

Stephen Green

Andrew Hornsby

Stephen Hornsby

Paul McCrudden

Stephen Murphy

Graham Perkins

Paul Shepherd

Philip Tyrell

Richard Yapp

Thomas Yapp

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,and research from interviews and Club records,

by J.H.Eales.

15/11/76.